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U.S. Dept. of The Interior
Minerals Management Service

Re: Industrial Wind Turbines 3.5 miles off of Jones Beach State Park

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you today as a very concerned resident of Long Island. I feel that the proposed Off Shore Industrial Wind Turbine Project would impact the entire area if built.

I have spent the last year attending all the LIPA/FPL meetings as well as the scoping meetings in West Babylon and Massapequa. I was glad to see that other residents of the area were upset as much as I was of the "Fast Tracking" of this project. We the people of Long Island will have to live and endure the out come of any negative effects to the environment that could very well be irreversible.

I am very suspicious of Mr. Kessels motives and I am very unhappy with his conduct at these public information meetings. His overall attitude is unprofessional, disrespectful and shameful as a representative of LIPA. We the voters, taxpayers, ratepayers should have been more informed from the beginning with public notices since the proposed site is a State Park owned by the people of New York State. One resident at the meeting made reference to "Follow the Money". Is it true that Mr.Kessel will have a future position with FPL? Is it also true that he has or will receive stock shares and or stock options from FPL? He has not answered questions in respect to the true costs and responsibilities of the project that would be expected of any normal construction plan. We are among the highest taxed and pay the highest electric rates in the country and feel that historically Lilco and LIPA have made some serious mistakes. Then as a bonus we the ratepayers get stuck with the expense in the end. It's not like we have a choice of who we can buy our energy from. We are not the dumb and ignorant people Mr.Kessel makes us out to be. We are hard working families that love our towns and respect them. Yes we do need an alternative energy plan to get off the fossil fuels, but the key is plan not just one option that has never been tested any where in the world. Please, the Fast Track is not the answer to our alternative renewable energy plan on Long Island. I have examined the proposal and I am left with serious concerns and questions whether the costs are justified by the benefits and whether the benefits will ever be achieved. Unfortunately in other countries Germany, U.K. and Denmark wind energy has proven to be unsuccessful and

extremely expensive compared to other renewable energy. I would like the answers to these questions that have been my concerns since I learned of the proposed project:

Why is a New York State Park of the People the proposed site? (Was a SHIPO study done?)

What are the rates for the power that we will be contracted to buy from FPL?

What is the cost of the proposed project?

Who is responsible for the expense of maintaining the turbines?

Who will maintain the turbines? Will it be on site and at whose expense?

What impact will the drilling of 40 holes into the ocean bed have on the aquifer that I get my water from? (I live at Oak Beach and we have well water there is no city water available.)

Will there be a study on the drilling of the ocean bed in respect to marine life?

What impact will construction have overall to Marine Life, endangered species and ecosystems?

What impact will the turbines have on navigation in the said area?

What impact will it have on migratory bird patterns?

What impact will it have on erosion of our shores?

What type of noise will the turbines generate? Will I hear it in my home? I live at Oak Beach.

Will I hear the 40 fog horns in my home?

Will the 40 lights on the turbines affect the natural habitat of the marine life and the shore animals?

Will the cables imbedded in the bay through Amityville and up Clocks Blvd. create any type of electromagnetic field that would impact marine life or human life?

Will it impact tourism for the South Shore?

Will it impact the value of waterfront properties and will tax abatements be available due to loss of value?

Will any of the towns directly affected receive any type federal money for land use fees?

What impact will it have on local businesses that fish the said areas?

Will the turbines withstand hurricanes, nor'easters and storms and who pays for repairs?

Will the said area become a secured site, with no access by the public?

Will there be risk of a terrorism target?

Will it affect flight patterns for aircraft?

Can a "flicker effect" distract people who are driving on Ocean Parkway?

Are local scientists going to be involved in part of the scoping process?

Will the dredging and digging through Gilgo Beach dunes effect the coastal erosion and surf?

Are all the statistics that LIPA and FPL provided proven numbers?

Are all applications permits and licenses filed and lawful within State and Federal guide lines?

I am not ashamed to admit that I choose to live on Long Island for the sole reason of how beautiful the beaches and shore and all the recreation it has to offer me and my family. The awesome horizon of the Atlantic Ocean is one of a kind. Really what else does Long Island have to offer??? This life style has been enjoyed and cherished by generations of families. I believe that this natural beauty will be negatively impacted by 40, 400 foot wind turbines. Why should we be the test crash dummies for a technology that has never been tried off any coast? I beg MMS to investigate the proposed project and answer all our questions as a respect that we have not received from Mr.Kessel and LIPA. Let's face it would we put 40, 400 foot wind turbines in front of Mount Rushmore or any other monumental park or site?

I would like to thank MMS for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinions, concerns and comments. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

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